

# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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Oil Conservation Division

# \*Response Required - Deadline Enclosed\*

Underground Injection Control Program

"Protecting Our Underground Sources of Drinking Water"

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LETTER OF VIOLATION and SHUT-IN DIRECTIVE Failed Mechanical Integrity Test

Dear Operator:

The following test(s) were performed on the listed dates on the following well(s) shown below in the test detail section.

The test(s) indicates that the well or wells failed to meet mechanical integrity standards of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division. To comply with guidelines established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the well(s) must be shut-in immediately until it is successfully repaired. The test detail section which follows indicates preliminary findings and/or probable causes of the failure. This determination is based on a test of your well or facility by an inspector employed by the Oil Conservation Division. Additional testing during the repair operation may be necessary to properly identify the nature of the well failure.

Please notify the proper district office of the Division at least 48 hours prior to the date and time that the well(s) will be retested so the test may be witnessed by a field representative.

# MECHANICAL INTEGRITY TEST DETAIL SECTION

# MALJAMAR GRAYBURG UNIT No.012

30-025-00445-00-00

O-3-17S-32E

Test Date:

2/2/2010

Permitted Injection PSI:

Actual PSI:

Test Reason:

Test Result:

Repair Due: 5/8/2010

Test Type:

Annual IMIT

FAIL CAUSE:

Std. Annulus Pres. Test

FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure

PER OPERATOR WELL IS SHUT IN; WILL NOT PASS MECHANICAL INTEGRITY TEST; PRIOR YEAR FAILURE: \*\*\*\*OPERATOR IS IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE 19.15.26.10 OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF INJECTION WELL; \*\*\*\*\*\*OPERATOR IS IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD

Active Injection - (All Types)

RULE 19.15.26.11 TESTING AND MONITORING OF INJECTION WELL\*\*\*\*\*\*

#### 30-025-00446-00-00 MALJAMAR GRAYBURG UNIT No.011

Active Injection - (All Types) N-3-17S-32E

Test Date: 1/27/2010 Permitted Injection PSI:

Actual PSI:

Test Reason: Annual IMIT

Test Result:

Repair Due:

5/2/2010

Test Type:

FAIL TYPE: Equipment - Specify in Co FAIL CAUSE:

Bradenhead Test

UNABLE TO CHECK TUBING PRESSURE; FAULTY VALVES; UNABLE TO CHECK SURFACE Comments on MIT:

DUE TO OPEN VALVE NOT ABLE TO CLOSE AND OPEN; OPERATOR NEEDS TO REPLACE SURFACE VALVE AND TUBING VALVES;\*\*\*\*OPERATOR IS IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE 19.15.26.10 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF INJECTION WELL; \*\*\*\*\*OPERATOR IS IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE 19.15.26.11 TESTING AND MONITORING OF INJECTION

WELL\*\*\*\*\*

MALJAMAR GRAYBURG UNIT No.021

30-025-00454-00-00

Active Injection - (All Types)

K-4-17S-32E

Test Date:

1/27/2010

Permitted Injection PSI:

Actual PSI:

Test Reason:

Annual IMIT

Test Result:

Repair Due:

Test Type: Comments on MIT:

Std. Annulus Pres. Test

FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure

FAIL CAUSE:

WELL WOULD NOT HOLD PRESSURE; \*\*\*\*OPERATOR IS IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE 19.15.26.10 OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF INJECTION WELL; \*\*\*\*\*\*OPERATOR IS IN

VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE 19.15.26.11 TESTING AND MONITORING OF INJECTION

WELL\*\*\*\*\*

MALJAMAR GRAYBURG UNIT No.017

30-025-00464-00-00

Active Injection - (All Types)

G-4-17S-32E

Test Date: Test Reason:

1/27/2010

Permitted Injection PSI:

Test Result:

Actual PSI: Repair Due:

5/2/2010

5/2/2010

Test Type:

Annual IMIT Std. Annulus Pres. Test

FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure

**FAIL CAUSE:** 

Comments on MIT:

WELL WOULD NOT HOLD PRESSURE: \*\*\*\*OPERATOR IS IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE 19.15.26.10 OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF INJECTION WELL; \*\*\*\*\*\*OPERATOR IS IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE 19.15.26.11 TESTING AND MONITORING OF INJECTION

WELL\*\*\*\*\*

**CAPROCK MALJAMAR UNIT No.049** 

2/2/2010

30-025-00662-00-00

Active Injection - (All Types)

Permitted Injection PSI:

H-24-17S-32E Actual PSI:

5/8/2010

Test Reason: Test Type:

Test Date:

Annual IMIT

Test Result:

Repair Due:

Std. Annulus Pres. Test

FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure

... FAIL CAUSE:

OPERATOR FINDS WELL TO BE DEFECTIVE; CASING HAS GAS AND FLUID; \*\*\*\*OPERATOR IS Comments on MIT: IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE 19.15.26.10 OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF INJECTION WELL: \*\*\*\*\*\*OPERATOR IS IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE 19.15.26.11 TESTING AND

MONITORING OF INJECTION WELL\*\*\*\*\*\*

CAPROCK MALJAMAR UNIT No.036

30-025-00664-00-00

Active Injection - (All Types)

**Actual PSI:** 

Test Date: Test Reason: 2/2/2010

Permitted Injection PSI:

A-24-17S-32E

Annual IMIT

Test Result:

Repair Due:

5/8/2010

5/8/2010

Test Type:

Std. Annulus Pres. Test

FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure

**FAIL CAUSE:** 

FAILED PT;\*\*\*\*OPERATOR IS IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE 19.15.26.10 OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF INJECTION WELL; \*\*\*\*\*\*OPERATOR IS IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE

19.15.26.11 TESTING AND MONITORING OF INJECTION WELL\*\*\*\*\*\*

CAPROCK MALJAMAR UNIT No.006

30-025-01439-00-00 A-17-17S-33E

Active Injection - (All Types)

2/2/2010

Permitted Injection PSI:

Actual PSI: Repair Due:

Test Reason: Test Type:

Test Date:

Annual IMIT

Test Result:

Comments on MIT:

Std. Annulus Pres. Test FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure

**FAIL CAUSE:** 

WOULD NOT HOLD PRESSURE DURING TEST; \*\*\*\*OPERATOR IS IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE 19.15.26.10 OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF INJECTION WELL: \*\*\*\*\*\*OPERATOR IS IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE 19.15.26.11 TESTING AND MONITORING OF INJECTION

WELL\*\*\*\*\*

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### **CAPROCK MALJAMAR UNIT No.003**

30-025-01442-00-00

Active Injection - (All Types) D-17-17S-33E

Test Date: 2/2/2010 Permitted Injection

Permitted Injection PSI: Actual PSI:

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Test Reason: Annual IMIT Test Result: F Repair Due: 5/8/2010

Test Type: Bradenhead Test FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure FAIL CAUSE:

Comments on MIT: FAILED BHT COMMUNICATION BETWEEN TUBING AND CASING; \*\*\*\*OPERATOR IS IN

VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE 19.15.26.10 OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF INJECTION WELL; \*\*\*\*\*\*OPERATOR IS IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE 19.15.26.11 TESTING AND

MONITORING OF INJECTION WELL\*\*\*\*\*

**CAPROCK MALJAMAR UNIT No.017** 

30-025-01460-00-00

Active Injection - (All Types)

J-18-17S-33E

Test Date: 2/2/2010 Permitted Injection PSI: Actual PSI:

Test Reason: Annual IMIT Test Result: F Repair Due: 5/8/2010

Test Type: Std. Annulus Pres. Test FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure FAIL CAUSE:

Comments on MIT: PER OPERATOR WELL IS SHUT IN; WILL NOT PASS MECHANICAL INTEGRITY TEST; NO

CHART; \*\*\*\*OPERATOR IS IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE 19.15.26.10 OPERATOR AND MAINTENANCE OF INJECTION WELL; \*\*\*\*\*\*OPERATOR IS IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE

19.15.26.11 TESTING AND MONITORING OF INJECTION WELL\*\*\*\*\*\*

CAPROCK MALJAMAR UNIT No.001

2/2/2010

Test Date:

Test Date:

Test Date:

**30-025-01462-00-00** B-18-17S-33E

Active Injection - (All Types)

Permitted Injection PSI: Actual PSI:

Test Reason: Annual IMIT Test Result: F Repair Due: 5/8/2010

Test Type: Std. Annulus Pres. Test FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure FAIL CAUSE:

Comments on MIT: FAILED PT; WELLHEAD STARTED TO LEAK AROUND FLANGE WHILE PRESSURING UP; NO

CHART: \*\*\*\*OPERATOR IS IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE 19.15.26.10 OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF INJECTION WELL; \*\*\*\*\*\*OPERATOR IS IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE

19.15.26.11 TESTING AND MONITORING OF INJECTION WELL\*\*\*\*\*

**CAPROCK MALJAMAR UNIT No.084** 

**30-025-01494-00-00** P-20-17S-33E

Active Injection - (All Types)

Test Date: 1/27/2010 Permitted Injection PSI: Actual PSI:

Test Reason: Annual IMIT Test Result: F Repair Due: 5/2/2010

Test Type: Std. Annulus Pres. Test FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure FAIL CAUSE:

Comments on MIT: DID NOT ATTEMPT TO TEST; PRIOR YEAR FAILURE NOT REPAIRED: \*\*\*\*OPERATOR IS IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE 19.15.26.10 OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF INJECTION

WELL; \*\*\*\*\*\*OPERATOR IS IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE 19.15.26.11 TESTING AND

MONITORING OF INJECTION WELL\*\*\*\*\*\*

CAPROCK MALJAMAR UNIT No.093

1/27/2010

**30-025-01526-00-00** L-28-17S-33E

Active Injection - (All Types)
Permitted Injection PSI:
Actual PSI:

Test Reason: Annual IMIT Test Result: F Repair Due: 5/2/2010

Test Type: Std. Annulus Pres. Test FAIL TYPE: Operational Violation FAIL CAUSE:

Comments on MIT: UNABLE TO TEST; FLANGE ON WELLHEAD IS LEAKING; SALT WATER CRYSTAL RESIDUE ON

WELLHEAD; PRIOR YEAR FAILURE NOT REPAIRED: \*\*\*\*OPERATOR IS IN VIOLATION OF

NMOCD RULE 19.15.26.10 OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF INJECTION WELL;

Active Injection - (All Types)

\*\*\*\*\*\*OPERATOR IS IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE 19.15.26.11 TESTING AND MONITORING

OF INJECTION WELL\*\*\*\*\*

CAPROCK MALJAMAR UNIT No.094

1/27/2010

**30-025-01531-00-00** K-28-17S-33E

Permitted Injection PSI: Actual PSI:

Test Reason: Annual IMIT Test Result: F Repair Duc: 5/2/2010

Test Type: Std. Annulus Pres. Test FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure FAIL CAUSE:

Comments on MIT: PRIOR YEAR FAILURE STILL NOT REPAIRED: \*\*\*\*OPERATOR IS IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE 19.15.26.10 OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF INJECTION WELL: \*\*\*\*\*\*\*OPERATOR

IS IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE 19.15.26.11 TESTING AND MONITORING OF INJECTION

WELL\*\*\*\*\*

In the event that a satisfactory response is not received to this letter of direction by the "Repair Due:" date shown above, or if the well(s) are not immediately shut-in, further enforcement will occur. Such enforcement may include this office applying to the Division for an order summoning you to a hearing before a Division Examiner in Santa Fe to show cause why you should not be ordered to permanently plug and abandon this well. Such a hearing may result in imposition of CIVIL PENALTIES for your violation of OCD rules.

Hobbs OCD District Office

Note: Pressure Tests are performed prior to initial injection, after repairs and otherwise, every 5 years; Bradenhead Tests are performed annually Information in Detail Section comes directly from field inspector data entries - not all blanks will contain data "Failure Type" and "Failure Cause" and any Comments are not to be interpreted as a diagnosis of the condition of the wellbore. Additional testing should be conducted by the operator to accurately determine the nature of the actual failure \*Significant Non-Compliance events are reported directly to the EPA, Region VI, Dallas, Texas

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